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FRENCH AIRMAN OVER BERLIN, DROPS MESSAGE

Big Kauai Plantation Deal Reported Nearing Completion

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN LIHUE AND MAKEE COMPANY FOR SALE OF LATTER

Report Unconfirmed Here But on Good Authority, Says Discussion Extending Over Several Months is Moving Toward Favorable Conclusion—Combine Would Remove Rivalry for Water and Railroad Rights

Negotiations are on between Lihue Plantation Company of Kauai and Makee Sugar Company for the outright sale of the latter company to Lihue, according to news the Star-Bulletin learns on competent authority. The report is not confirmed by the Lihue agency here, H. Mackfield & Company, but while there is a denial that any sale has been made, the Star-Bulletin understands that the negotiations are nearer a favorable consummation now than ever before. If the deal goes through, it will be the biggest plantation transaction in several years. It involves, moreover, a successful and speedy settlement of the water rights-railroad-homestead controversy which stirred Honolulu and Kauai a few months ago and which took Governor Pinkham on his memorable visit to the Garden Islands. There have been "deep down" rumors for some weeks of the big deal brewing on the Garden Islands. In fact, some years ago there was a report that Lihue might acquire Keala, as the Makee Sugar Company is generally known. Later there were reports that all negotiations were severed. Then, when the governor visited Kauai in the hope of effecting a settlement of the various and bitter controversies, there were rumors that a working agreement might be reached, through the territorial government, for the handling of water rights, the railroad problem, and other matters found difficult of adjustment. It appears that since the governor's visit, negotiations have been carried along with due deliberation. A meeting of Lihue directors was held this morning, but the Star-Bulletin is informed that this meeting does not indicate any definite action looking toward closing the deal, though the situation might have been talked over by the directors. It may be weeks before the deal definitely crystallizes, but on good authority it is said that there is much hope the transaction will be made. Plantation men say the deal is a logical and advantageous one to both parties, as it will remove the commercial rivalry which has led to considerable friction, will give the government a railroad from end to end of the island and will effect savings in crop handling. Makee Sugar Company is assessed at \$1,254,790. Various figures have been mentioned as to what Col. Z. S. Spaulding holds Keala. The guess was hazarded today that the sale price would be between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

CONKLING CLAIMS HEALTH OFFICE HOLDS HIM BACK

Treasurer Says Refusal to Issue Business Permits Prevents Collecting Fees

Honolulu's dual government is again oppressing its officials. This time it is the city treasurer, D. L. Conkling, and the Board of Health who have come into the conflict. Conkling declares that the board is preventing the collection of license fees by refusing to issue permits to do business to merchants throughout the city and in the country districts. "I have had at least 50 applicants for licenses offered to pay their fees and I have had to refuse because they had no permit from the Board of Health," he says. "I am \$5000 behind in my collections and most of the arrearage is due to the action of the Board of Health, I believe." He points out that he cannot enforce the payment of the license fees, nor can he have the merchants arrested for doing business without a license when they have offered to pay the fees. "One man at Pearl City was refused a permit to do business in the same building he has occupied for eight or nine years because it is 16 inches above ground instead of 18," Conkling declares. "Chinese fish merchants have been refused permits because they wrap their wares in ti leaves and newspapers instead of white paper. I don't see what difference it makes what kind of paper the fish are wrapped in so long as they are wrapped in ti leaves first, but the Board of Health does. And instead of arresting them for violating the law they refuse to issue a permit to do business and then expect me to have them arrested for doing business without a license." Supervisor William Larsen heard of the difficulty this morning, and after criticizing the "emasculated system of government the legislature has wobbled on us," promised to visit Dr. J. S. Pratt, president of the board, this afternoon and seek to straighten out the difficulty. "The city should have the regulation of such matters and so long as it is vested in the territory there is going to be difficulty," he said.

EXTENSION MATTER PROBABLY SETTLED AT COMING MEETING

Directors of the Dowsett estate will pass on the proposal of the city to purchase property needed for extension of Smith street to Queen street and set a price on the place needed Tuesday morning. "It looks very favorable," said George M. Collins, city engineer, this morning. Collins will ask that a call for bids for the improvement of King street extension be authorized at Tuesday's meeting of the supervisors.

Andrew A. Slawson, aged 72, member of a large New York milk firm, died at Binghamton, N. Y.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless.

	Today	Saturday
Alaska Gold	187 1/2	17 1/2
American Smelter	96 1/2	95
American Sugar	109 1/2	109
American Tel. & Tel.	129 1/2	129 1/2
Anacosta Copper	79 1/2	75 1/2
Atchafalca	104 1/2	104 1/2
Baldwin Locom.	71 1/2	72 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	88 1/2	89 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	43 1/2	43
Calif. Petroleum	19	20 1/2
Canadian Pacific	177 1/2	178
C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	96	96 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Iron	44 1/2	45
Cruicible Steel	68 1/2	71
Erie Common	35 1/2	35 1/2
General Electric	170	168 1/2
General Motors	500	500
Great Northern Pfd.	118 1/2	118 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	115 1/2	115
Kennecott Copper	46 1/2	46 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	78 1/2	78 1/2
New York Central	103	102 1/2
Pennsylvania	58 1/2	58 1/2
Ray Consol.	22	22 1/2
Southern Pacific	87 1/2	87 1/2
Studebaker	126 1/2	126 1/2
Tennessee Copper	25 1/2	25 1/2
Union Pacific	137 1/2	137 1/2
U. S. Steel	86 1/2	86 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	117 1/2	117 1/2
Utah	76 1/2	77
Western Union	93	93
Westinghouse	58 1/2	57 1/2

CITY ATTORNEY BUYS VALUABLE BEACH PROPERTY

Residence at Waikiki Owned by J. L. Stack is Secured by A. M. Brown

A. M. Brown, city and county attorney, has purchased the residence lately occupied by Jack London at Waikiki beach. Friday, the day he sailed for a vacation in British Columbia, he completed negotiations for the purchase of the property on Kalila road, for a consideration said to be \$22,000. Owned originally by A. A. Wilder, the residence was sold to J. L. Stack, a Chicago advertising man, early in 1911, with another small piece of property for \$22,500. He spent about \$4000 in improvements on the place and lived there for a short time. Later Hiram Bingham III occupied the place during a stay here. Mr. and Mrs. Jack London, who leave Wednesday, have been living there for about six months. The Hawaiian Trust Company has managed the property for Mr. Stack since he left Honolulu. Mr. Brown cabled his offer to Stack early last week and he ordered the trust company to accept the offer. Brown's residence adjoins the Stack property, which is 2301 Kalila road. The furnishings go with the residence.

CONFERENCE ON HOTEL PLANS; NO ANNOUNCEMENT

Jas. Woods, St. Francis Manager, R. W. Shingle and L. A. Thurston Talk It Over

LUNCHEON TODAY WITH WORKERS ON PROMOTION

Definite Status May Be Reached Before Matsonia Sails Wednesday

James Woods, manager of the St. Francis hotel in San Francisco, will sail for the mainland on the Matsonia on Wednesday, and before he goes may make an announcement upon the result of his survey of hotel conditions here. Rumors continue that large capital will be interested in hotel development in Honolulu, perhaps on the other islands, but rumor so far has nothing definite to build on except frequent meetings of local businessmen at which Mr. Woods is present. This morning Woods, Lorrin A. Thurston and Robert W. Shingle were closeted for an hour in Shingle's office at the Waterhouse Trust Company. Nothing was given out at the conclusion of the meeting. They are expected to get together again to talk business later today and perhaps tomorrow. It was conjectured that this morning's meeting did not clear up the situation. Whether Woods has found a likely site for the hotel which coast advisers say he may recommend to be erected here, is not known. At noon the Hawaii Promotion Committee gave a luncheon at the Country Club at which Mr. Woods was a guest of honor. Another honored guest was William H. Crane, the hotel agent. Messrs. Shingle and Thurston were also guests. Others present included Chairman Berndt of the Promotion Committee, Secretary A. P. Taylor, Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; J. D. McInerney, Ed Towse and Theodore B. Thiele, manager of the Territorial Hotel Company's hostelry, the latter being a guest of the committee, too.

RILEY'S DEATH IS MOURNED BY HOOSIER STATE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 24.—The flags in most of the cities of Indiana are flying at half-mast today in respect to the memory of James Whitcomb Riley, who died late Saturday. The body will lie in state at the capitol from 3 this afternoon to 9 tonight. The burial will be in Indianapolis and it is probable that the funeral ceremonies will be held tomorrow.

ASQUITH ASKS ANOTHER HUGE LOAN FOR WAR

LONDON, Eng., July 24.—Premier Asquith today in parliament asked for a vote upon a war credit of \$450,000,000. The request is for the largest single sum asked during the war. It brings the total war credits to \$2,832,000,000.

DUTCH STEAMER SUNK BY MINE

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, July 24.—The Dutch steamer Maas has struck a mine near North Hinder light. Ten of the crew were drowned when the vessel sunk.

WELCH-WHITE BATTLE TO BE FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

CHICAGO, Ill., July 24.—Freddie Welsh of England and Charley White of Chicago, lightweight champion and challenger for the title, have signed for a championship fight in Colorado Springs on September 4. The fight is to be 20 rounds to a decision. The promoters have guaranteed a purse of \$17,000 to the winner.

WAIMANALO TRIP MAY RESULT IN MILITARY POST

Land Owned by Government Is Looked Over by Governor and Army Officers

NOTHING DEFINITE IS ANNOUNCED BY PARTY

Several Thousand Acres of Public Land Are Available If Deemed Necessary

Although both Governor Lucius E. Pinkham and Hawaiian Department officers today said their visit to Waimanalo Sunday possessed nothing of military importance, persistent rumors are afloat that the trip was to look over the site of a proposed military reservation in that region. Territorial land there amounts to several thousand acres. At any rate, enough army and territorial officials went to make it look as though something of this nature is on foot. Those going included Governor Pinkham, Brig. Gen. R. K. Evans, commanding the Hawaiian Department; Brig. Gen. Samuel I. Johnson, commanding the National Guard of Hawaii; Maj. Michael J. Lenthall, chief of staff in the Hawaiian Department; Maj. William Welgel, 2nd Infantry of Fort Shafter; C. E. Judd, territorial forester; G. K. Larrison, territorial hydrographer; W. C. Woodward, acting superintendent of public works; 1st Lieut. Hornsby Evans and 2nd Lieut. Charles B. Lyman, aides-de-camp to Gen. Evans. Ladies in the party included Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Lenthall, Miss Lenthall and Mrs. Jack London. Land Commissioner B. G. Rivenburgh was invited but could not go because of the seriousness of his father-in-law. (Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

HILO RAILROAD DIRECTORS ARE MEETING DAILY

This morning a meeting of the directors of the Hilo railroad was held and another is to be held today. These meetings are to bring about an agreement between the bondholders of the 1901 and the 1909 series issued by the now defunct corporation, the property of which was purchased for \$1,000,000. At the foreclosure sale brought by a protective committee of the bondholders the property was bought in and ever since then the matter of adjustment has been pending. The members of the protective committee are now directors of the company organized to take over the railroad.

BERKELEY COMPANY TO BUILD LARGE NUMBER OF MOTORS FOR RUSSIA

(Special Marconigram to Nippon Jiji.) SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—The Hall-Scott Motor Company of Berkeley has received orders to construct a number of motors for aeroplanes to be used in the Russian army. The orders were placed through the Mitsui Company of Tokyo, and New York and San Francisco offices. Several million dollars is announced as the order, each motor to cost \$4500.

CHINESE WHO FAVORED YUAN SHIH-KAI UNDER ARREST IN PEKING

(Special Marconigram to Liberty News.) SHANGHAI, July 24.—Eight Chinese who favored the elevation of Yuan Shih-Kai to emperor were arrested yesterday in Peking. They were sentenced to imprisonment, and 14 others are already in the city prison for advocating a monarchy.

REVOLUTIONISTS WIN IN HARD KWANTUNG FIGHT

(Special Marconigram to Liberty News.) SHANGHAI, July 24.—More than 400 of Lung Chi Quan's troops were killed in a battle on Sunday at Fut-san in the province of Kwantung. Lung Chi Quan refused to resign and sent a number of his troops to meet the forces of Lee Let Quan. Revolutionary troops are now closing in on Canton, the capital of the province.

CHINESE PASSENGERS HELD UP IN KWANTUNG

(Special Marconigram to Liberty News.) SHANGHAI, July 24.—Ten robbers held up a train on the Ninyan and Canton railroad Sunday morning, and 130 passengers were robbed. The men wore heavy masks and made their escape without leaving a clue.

With Blood-Poison of Foot Ex-Mayor Is Seriously Ill

Joseph J. Fern Unable to Attend Duties as City Jailor—Hopes for Steady Improvement Now.

Joseph J. Fern, former mayor and now city and county jailer, is very seriously ill at his home, Paki and Monsarrat avenues, Kapahulu tract. The former city executive has a bad case of blood poisoning in the left leg. He thinks it came from a scratch on his left foot, which became infected from the stocking. Fern has been ill since July 14 and on July 19 and 20 his condition was so serious that fears for the outcome of the illness were entertained. He is reported today as slowly improving, though still in a serious condition. He talked to "Bill" Punohu, deputy jailer, yesterday and the deputy reported this morning that it may be three or four weeks before "Joe" is able to be about again. He is attended by a Japanese physician.

PERPETRATOR OF BOMB OUTRAGE STILL AT LARGE

Sailor Arrested on Suspicion But Police Believe Him Innocent

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 24.—The police have not been able to find any trace of evidence leading to the perpetrator of the bomb outrage at last Saturday. The only suspect arrested so far is innocent, the police believe. A brother of O. H. Lambert of Alameda, one of the victims of the explosion, has published an advertisement offering \$1000 reward for any clue that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party or parties. The city has offered a reward of \$5000 for information leading to the discovery of the parties responsible for the explosion. The suspect arrested, Joseph Finn, is a sailor. He is still in jail. Governor Hiram Johnson has announced that he will ask the board of control to make an appropriation for funds to add to the rewards offered by the city of San Francisco, for information that will lead to the discovery of the party or parties responsible for the explosion. The terrible force of the explosion was shown today by the fact that souvenir hunters, blocks away from the scene where it occurred, have gathered fragments of the bomb or infernal machine that went off. Quantities of these slugs of iron have been picked up on the streets. The principal clues which the police have to work on lie in the postoffice department, for there were warnings of an explosion sent through the mails several days before the parade. The dead are: Mrs. Howard E. Knapp, Alameda; Dr. George Painter, Berkeley; O. H. Lambert, Alameda; George Lawlor, Mill Valley; Arthur Nelson, Larkspur, Cal.; Adam Fox, San Francisco, a Grand Army veteran. Those reported to be dying are: Peas L. Seeman, Oakland; Thomas H. Turnbull, San Francisco. The first four names are those of victims killed instantly by the bomb. The others died of the injuries they received after having been taken to a hospital for treatment.

Small Sea-Clash; London and Berlin Give Statements

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) LONDON, Eng., July 24.—Six German destroyers, it was announced today, engaged in a running fight with British light naval forces off Schouwen Bank early in the morning. The German vessels were repeatedly hit but reached the Belgian coast. BERLIN, Germany, July 24.—Returning from the Flanders coast some German destroyers this morning went to the mouth of the Thames river. Later they encountered several small British cruisers but reached their base undamaged. (Associated Press by Federal Wireless) Today's Report GERMAN HEADQUARTERS, July 24.—Western war theater: It is now evident that English attacks reported yesterday against the fronts of Thiepval and Guillemont were made by parts of eleven English divisions, several of which were hurled from other fronts. The only advantage the enemy gained on the whole line, which is not yet regained by the Germans, is that they entered some houses in Pozieres for which they paid extraordinarily heavy losses. The enemy was defeated in Longueval by powerful counter attacks of Brandenburg's grenadiers of Donau-mont fame. From the gravel pit southwest of Guillemont where the enemy temporarily had established a footing. The Germans captured three

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DARING FLYER IS FORCED TO LAND IN POLAND

Crosses Germany in 807-Mile Flight, Passing Capital at Night

SIX TEUTON DESTROYERS ENGAGE IN QUICK FIGHT

Driven off By British Light Naval Forces—Russians Roll Forward

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless) PARIS, France, July 24.—Lieut. Marchal, a noted flyer of the French aviation corps, has reached Berlin and hovered over the capital city long enough to drop messages to the people below. Announcement of this was given out today, together with the fact that owing to engine trouble Marchal was forced to descend into territory held by the Germans in Poland, and was captured. Marchal left France June 20 and passed over Berlin, dropping proclamations which read in part: "Though it was possible, we have refrained from bombarding the town, as thus we might kill women and children." He intended to land within the Russian lines but engine trouble forced him to alight in Poland and he was made prisoner. He flew 807 miles, most of the distance at night. RUSSIANS NEAR ERZINGAN TURKS CLOSE TO SUEZ (Associated Press by Federal Wireless) PETROGRAD, Russia, July 24.—The Russians in Turkish Mesopotamia are now advancing upon the fortified town of Erzincan. On one side the advance guards are within 15 miles of Erzincan. CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey, July 24.—The Turks have defeated a British cavalry detachment east of the Suez Canal. The Turks are pursuing the British toward the canal. BRITISH LOSE HEAVILY, SAYS BERLIN STATEMENT (Associated Press by Federal Wireless) BERLIN, Germany, July 24.—The only advantage won by the British in fighting today on the Somme river was the penetration of a few houses in Pozieres, which was accomplished with extraordinary losses for the British. GERMANS HARD-PRESSED WEST AND EAST, LONDON (Associated Press by Federal Wireless) LONDON, Eng., July 24.—The British have captured a large part of the village and positions of Pozieres, on the west front. They have also gained near the high wood in the direction of Guillemont. A Reuter's despatch from Petrograd says that the Germans have been driven back 12 miles at one point on the Riga front, where General Kuropatkin is reported to have broken through Gen. von Hindenburg's line of communication. The Russians have made progress on the line from the Riga gulf to Oskull, more than 30 miles. Though yesterday was Sunday, there was no pause in the bloody combat. officers and 141 unmounted men. South Somme, small French enterprises failed near Soyecourt and west of Vermandovillers in German fire. Artillery fights decreased only temporarily. Since July 15, German booty captured is 68 machine guns, as far as up to now reported. On right of Meuse: Artillery fire on both sides several times increased to great violence. The infantry is not active. Eastern war theater: Northern section front and Gen. Bohmer's army front only patrol engagements. Northwest of Berestecko, strong Russian attacks were daily repulsed. John E. Schermershorn of No. 2 East Seventy-ninth Street, New York, has reported to the police that his house was entered while the family was away and \$1,000 worth of personal jewelry consisting of two watches, two stick pins, some studs, cuff links etc., were stolen.